

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph on page 10, lines 16-27 with the following paragraph:

- -As shown in Fig. 4, an internal message generator MG (e.g., the third party application disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,289,514) of the source 1 (e.g., a STB 207) creates the “event message” M (when the television event occurs) which includes the identification number (ID) of the source 1 embedded therein. Message M is then inputted to a first encryption process EP1 which encrypts the television event message M, referred to as message EM1, but does not obscure the ID of the source 1; thus the source 1 transmits the message EM1 over the communication path 305/305A. In this format, the cable system operator has the ability to identify the source of the message EM1 but is unable to know the content of the message EM1.- -.